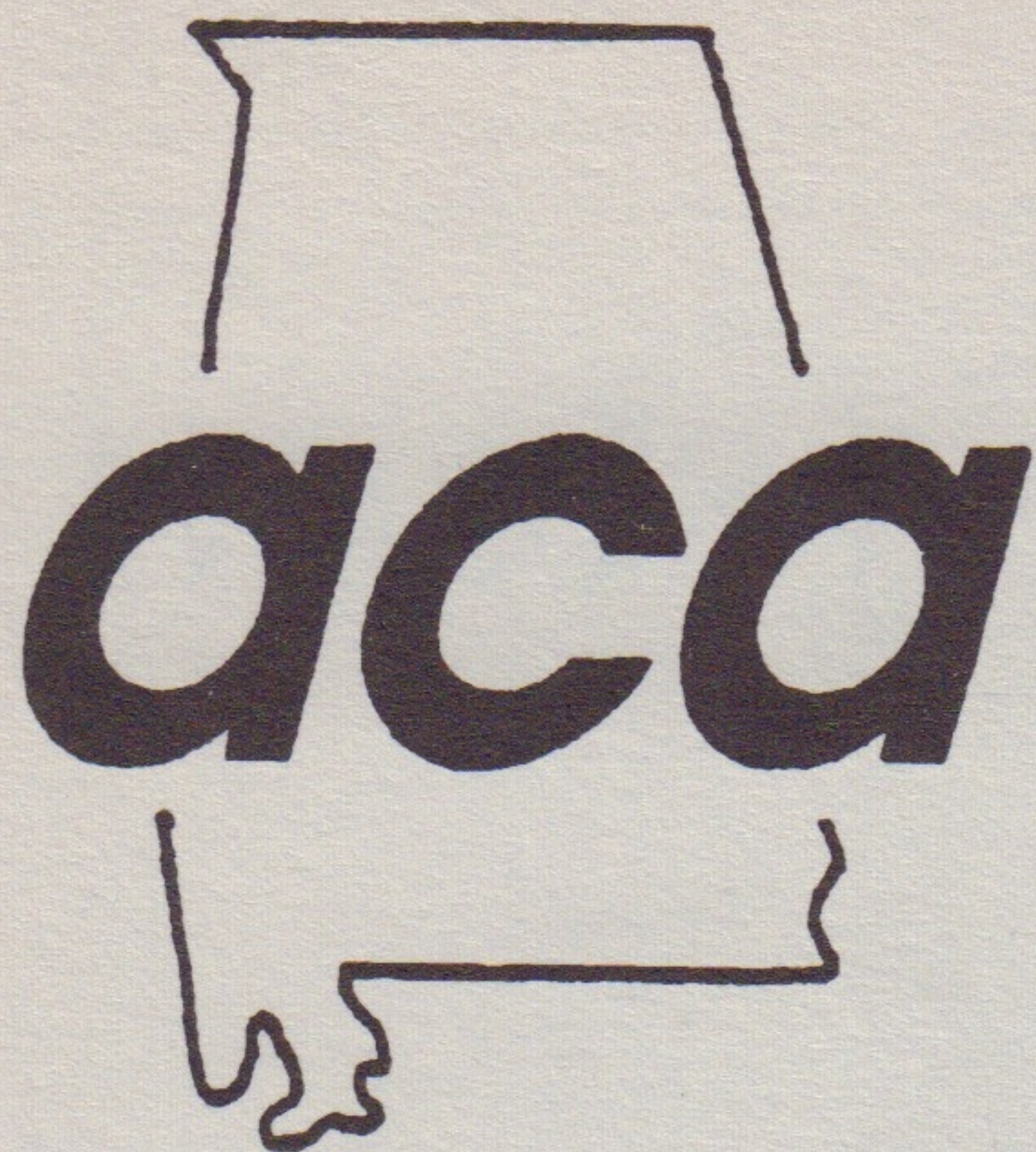




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A Message from the President

Jane Vance



Greetings. I hope that each of you have had a very fulfilling and productive year at your respective institutions. I want to thank each of you for the opportunity you have afforded me to serve as your President for 1994. It is both an honor and a challenge. I pledge to you to do my best to represent the Association in all of the areas the office demands.

We on the Executive Committee have been at work since early January preparing for the November conference. We hope to provide as many exciting and varied professional development opportunities as possible. The Alabama College System has a unique role in the education of the populace of the State. We were created on the premise that all individuals have the right to a quality education that is also affordable. With our open door policy, we have students from a variety of backgrounds with a variety of needs.

I believe that the Alabama College System is uniquely adapted for serving those individuals and their needs. But, in order to maintain that uniqueness and to be able to continue to fulfill our mission, we all must continually supplement and enhance our own education. One of the ways that we all can do that is to support the Alabama College Association. It is the only professional development organization in the state exclusively for all employees of the Alabama College System: faculty, staff, and administrators. I challenge each of you to take an active role in your association. It is only with your support and active participation that we can continue to provide these opportunities.

I look forward to seeing each of you in November. Make your plans now to attend the convention.

Jane Glasgow Vance

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Chancellor's Awards Honor Faculty and Staff

The sixth annual Chancellor's Awards Ceremony was held in November in conjunction with the Alabama College Association Convention. The event began with a breakfast buffet followed by presentation of the achievements of each nominee by the respective college president. Chancellor Gainous posed with the winners following the event. They are James D. Burchett, Alabama Aviation and Technical College, Technical Faculty Member of the Year; Elvie Williamson, Jefferson State Community College, Staff Member of the Year; Jacqueline Screws, Sparks State Technical College, Administrator of the Year; and Charles D. Tucker, Wallace College in Dothan, Junior College Faculty Member of the Year.

Two State Organizations Honor Faulkner President Gary Branch

Dr. Gary Branch, President of Faulkner State Community College, has been the recipient of two prestigious awards recently. The Association of College Administrators and the Alabama Association for Women in Education named him the state's most outstanding Two-Year College Administrator in recognition of his outstanding leadership abilities. During Branch's twelve years as president of Faulkner State, the College's enrollment has increased from approximately 1100 students to over 4000 students.

Branch exhibits a dedication to all aspects of college life that has won him the respect and love of the faculty, staff and

students. Branch believes in the personal touch, and his door is always open to staff, students, faculty and the community.

Dr. Branch was also honored by Phi Theta Kappa at their Alabama Regional Convention where he was presented the Distinguished Administrator Award. While accepting the award, Branch said he is proud of the Pi Psi Chapter for its hard work and dedicated efforts to achieve the five-star chapter status, which is the highest level a chapter can reach. Dr. Branch mentioned the chapter's accomplishments for having received two Hallmark awards for service and scholarship.

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Sudden Health Change: Classroom to Crisis

After finishing my work day as Snead State's human anatomy and physiology instructor, I helped my seven-year-old daughter select Valentine cards for relatives.

Addressing the envelopes was difficult for me, and my right hand felt strangely weak.

My right foot began dragging after I arrived at school the next morning, and climbing stairs was very difficult. Suspecting a CVA (stroke), I saw my family doctor at midday and was then taken directly to Huntsville to see a neurologist.

"Transverse Myelitis," an inflammation of the spinal cord, was the culprit in the rapid loss of motor functions on the right side of my body. During the next two weeks, I experienced several physical problems that I had covered in recent anatomy and physiology classes.

I chose to share this entire experience with other junior/community college instructors because my time as a patient was so "educational" and because many of the registered nurses caring for me were products of Alabama two-year colleges.

Several of the RNs who cared for me at Huntsville Hospital were graduates of programs at north Alabama junior colleges. As I talked to

RNs from Calhoun, Gadsden, and Northeast, I was impressed by their positive comments about their training and their instructors at "our" two-year colleges. I felt fortunate to be an instructor in a community college system where teaching and quality training are the top priority.

During the second week of my unexpected hospitalization, my recovery was facilitated by cheerful physical and occupational therapists and their assistants. It was clear, as I watched the young therapists helping their patients, that a big dose of optimism is a key ingredient in this type of program. I believe that the positive attitudes that give patients hope are also clearly a part of our two-year college system.

Although it may be several months before I regain full use of my right hand and leg, I expect to return to teaching at Snead when our spring quarter begins in late March. Because of my experiences as a patient, my biology classes should be more interesting and relevant for me and my students during the remainder of my teaching career.

Note: This first-person account was written by Dr. David Wilson, biology instructor/athletic director/tennis coach at Snead.

Enterprise State Junior College Receives Science Foundation Grant

Dr. Tim Alford, Dean of Development at Enterprise State Junior College, recently announced that the Math and Science Divisions at ESJC have received a matching National Science Foundation grant of \$92,000. The grant will be used to build an interactive video computer lab and will serve the math and science departments. The computer lab will also house a science laboratory.

Dr. David Byrd, Chair of the Math

Division at ESJC, says the grant will allow Enterprise State to purchase 28 state-of-the-art computers.

"Each instructor will have their own computer, and each computer will be hooked to a main network," explains Dr. Byrd.

Dr. R.C. Lewis, Chair of the Science Division at ESJC, says the computers will be a great asset to the math and science departments.

"The computers will be equipped with

capabilities that will give the instructors more freedom in getting information out to their students," Dr. Lewis states.

Dr. Alford wrote the proposal for the grant, and he says the computers will further enhance the excellent instruction of undergraduates for which ESJC is known.

"This project will serve as a model demonstration center for other two-year colleges, and Enterprise State is very proud to have received this grant," Dr. Alford notes.



George Wallace, Jr., congratulates sculptor John Hovanes of Huntsville on creating the bronze likeness of his father which now rests in the campus library at Wallace College, Dothan.

Gov. Wallace Honored as Bust Dedicated in Campus Library at Dothan

Former Gov. George C. Wallace, the Founding Father of Alabama's two-year college system, was honored recently when a "heroic" size bronze bust cast in his likeness was dedicated at Wallace College in Dothan.

State Treasurer George C. Wallace, Jr., represented his father at the dedication. State Legislators, other elected officials, and many friends and supporters of Gov. Wallace were invited to the dedication in the campus library.

Charles Carr, former director of governmental affairs for the Department of Postsecondary Education, was the master of ceremonies. Dr. Larry Beaty, Wallace

College President, welcomed the guests who were introduced by his executive assistant, Dr. Bob Boothe.

Approximately 68 percent of all freshmen and sophomores in Alabama—over 100,000 students—attend 33 two-year colleges, which are by far the least expensive higher education opportunity in the state. This is the fulfillment of Gov. Wallace's goal that all Alabamians have an opportunity to be successful.

The bust was created by John Hovanes of Huntsville. The stand upon which it rests was built in the Wallace College Cabinetmaking Shop, under the direction of Thomas Kirk.

Merger Announced for Southern Union and Opelika Tech

In August, the State Board of Education announced its intent to merge Southern Union State Junior College and Opelika State Technical College to form a new community college, Southern Union State Community College. The change will provide a much-needed variety of educational programs to students within the communities served by both schools.

Opelika Tech president Dr. Roy W. Johnson was selected to direct the new institution. Dr. Johnson has a wealth of educational experience in Alabama, having served six years as a secondary school teacher and 14 years as a secondary school principal. He was appointed president of Opelika Tech on January 9, 1992, and the college has experienced growth in enrollment and new programs under his leadership.

"The development of a comprehensive community college in Opelika, Valley and Wadley maximizes opportunities for students throughout all of East Alabama. It's an exciting concept and one we're pleased to be a part of," Dr. Johnson said of the merger.

Dr. Richard J. Federinko, who had served as Southern Union's president since 1986, was named president of Chattahoochee Valley Community College in Phenix City. Dr. Federinko's tenure at Southern Union saw the college's enrollment grow more than 98 percent. In addition, facilities were expanded at all three Southern Union campuses under his leadership.

Students will begin enrolling in the merged institution for the 1994 Summer Quarter which begins in June.

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Self-Taught Jefferson Davis Student Artist Paints Her Heritage

Jefferson Davis art student Bernice Sims was among a group of self-taught artists from the south who were recently invited to demonstrate their work at the New Orleans Museum of Art. The exhibition, entitled "Passionate Visions of the American South," is a national tour sponsored by the Lila-Wallace Reader's Digest Fund.

According to Ms. Sims, the show originated in New Orleans and lasted from October until January. The exhibition is now in Charlotte, N.C. and will travel throughout the United States. Ms. Sims donated a painting to the Museum that she had done during her appearance in New Orleans.

In addition to the national tour, a catalog was published which featured Ms. Sims and two of her paintings, "Church Scene, 1989," and "Spring Cleaning, 1990."

Ms. Sims has been invited as a guest artist to several shows throughout the state and has won numerous ribbons and awards. Her work will also appear at the Montgomery Museum of Art in the spring.

At 52, she passed her GED and enrolled in classes at Jefferson Davis. It wasn't until after she earned an A.A. degree, that she began taking art classes and was exposed to formal arts and crafts

under the instruction of Larry Manning.

"I had threatened to quit three or four times," says Ms. Sims. "But Mr. Manning and Dr. Cross encouraged me to stay. The biggest problem was getting adjusted to the younger people, but I realized that most of them didn't know any more than I did, and they became an inspiration as well as a pleasure."

Ms. Sims believes that most people have an access to education today. "There's no reason for young people not to be able to read and write," says Sims. "You need to apply yourself and put yourself in the right atmosphere."

Her parents raised seven children on a laborer's and housekeeper's salaries during the Depression. "We were poor, but were raised in a good Christian atmosphere," says Ms. Sims. Although uneducated, her parents stressed the importance of an education to their children and encouraged them to never stop learning.

Ms. Sims has passed this philosophy on to her children. "I taught my children not to let anyone make them feel inferior."

The eldest of ten children, Bernice Sims was born in rural south Alabama. She left school after the 10th grade, married at the age of 16, and had six children. She

trained and worked as a nurse aide to make sure that her children had the opportunity to attend college. During the 1960's, Ms. Sims became active in the civil rights movement.

Ms. Sims is a memory painter—reliving her past and painting her childhood memories. Her paintings tell stories of the civil rights movement and emphasize black heritage and culture. Through her folk art, she strives to share important pieces of history with future generations. "People don't have these things anymore," says Sims.

"I want our children to know what things were like."

Bessemer State Tech Awarded EMT Grant

Alabama's Emergency Medical Services Education Commission has awarded Bessemer State Tech a \$74,809 grant. "The funds are for teaching and administration of basic and intermediate emergency medical services," explained Dr. Jessica Cannon, coordinator of the College's Nursing/Allied Health Programs.

Each year approximately 100 students complete Emergency Medical Technician training at Bessemer State.

Jefferson State President Judy Merritt (left) with Erwin High School students and Birmingham Mayor Richard Arrington (center), on campus to discuss local Birmingham issues and current city initiatives. Breakfast for those attending monthly Dialogue Days meetings is prepared by the college's award-winning culinary apprentice students.



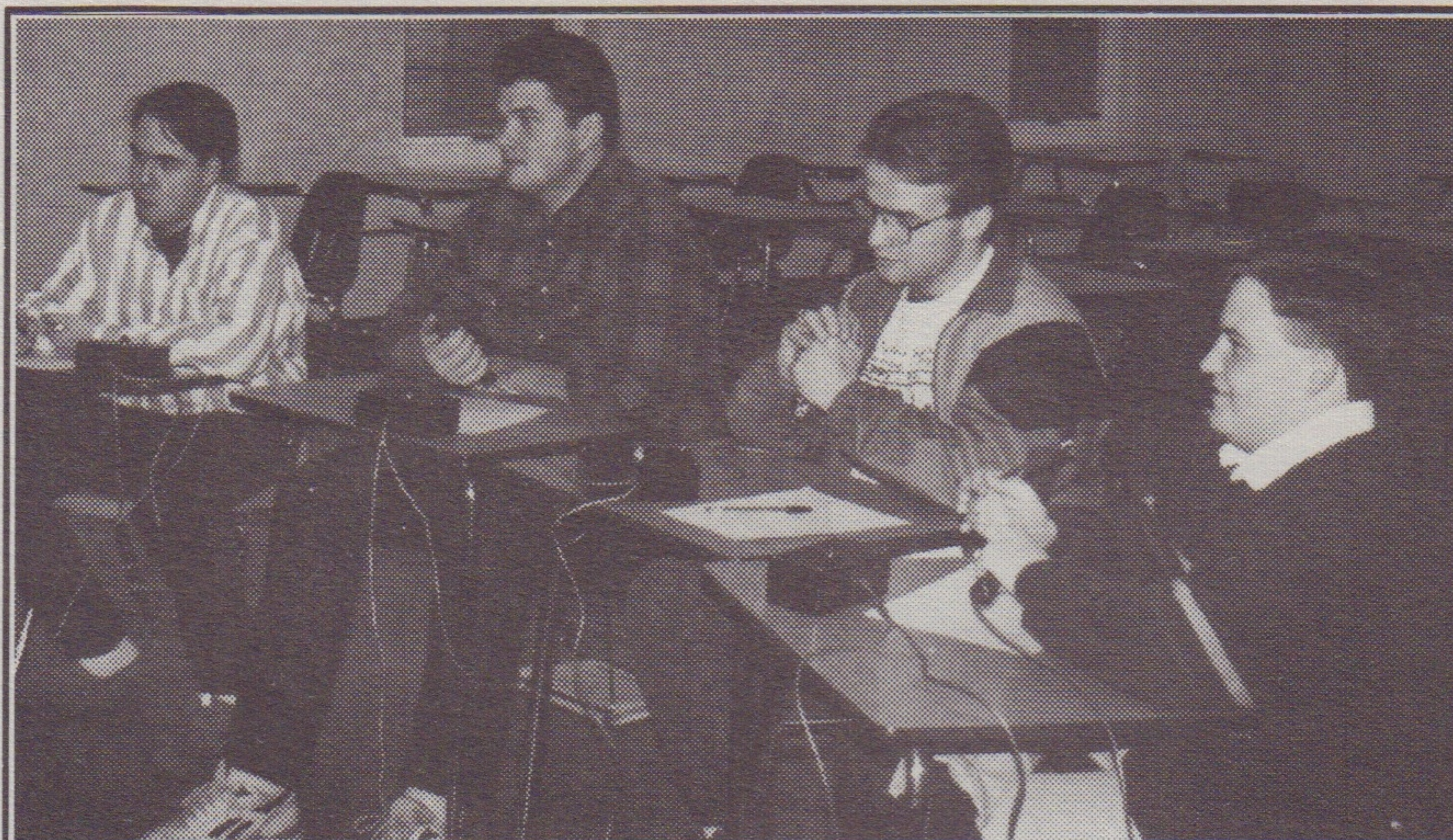
AACA and AAWE Name Ficker as 1994's Administrator of the Year

Dr. Victor B. Ficker, president of Gadsden State Community College, was named the 1994 Administrator of the Year at the annual joint conference of the Association of Alabama College Administrators and the Alabama Association for Women in Education March 2. Dr. Ficker was recognized for outstanding professional administrative leadership and service throughout his career in education.

Recipients since establishment of the award in 1973 have been Paul Bryant, Harry Philpott, Allan Jackson, David Mathews, Joseph Volker, Katherine Cater, Leslie Wright, S. Richardson Hill, Jr., Neal Berte, Fred Whiddon, Charles Payne, James Chasteen, Jim Vickrey, Wilford Bailey, Joab Thomas, Ralph W. Adams, Robert M. Guillot, Cordell Wynn, John Blackburn, Judy Merritt, Joseph Sutton, James E. Martin, and Charles McCallum.

Under Dr. Ficker's leadership, Gadsden State opened the first Job Corps Center to be located on a college campus. An endowment drive completed in 1991, matched by the U.S. Office of Education, secured an endowment for the college of over three-quarters of a million dollars. The Lifelong Learning Center, the Success Center, and the Jo Ann Arledge Center for Adult Learners have all opened since Dr. Ficker's arrival at Gadsden.

Dr. Ficker has served in many civic and educational organizations and committees. His philosophy as a college president is to build a college responsive to the needs of all ages, races, and abilities.



Snead College Bowl members Eric Crowell, Grant Isbell, William Ogle and Jeff Ogle practice for State Finals.

Snead College Bowl Team Earns Right to Compete in State Finals

Because of an outstanding performance at the recent qualifying tournament held at Troy State University, the Snead State College Bowl team earned a slot in the State Finals.

Snead remained undefeated in the preliminary rounds, defeating Northwest Community College 190 to 60, L.B. Wallace Community College 175 to 110, Gadsden State Community College 190 to 140, and Faulkner Community College 170 to 110.

Snead defeated Wallace State

Community College 180 to 45 in the semifinals.

Snead placed second in the qualifying tournament after a disappointing loss to Shoals Community College (145 to 115) in the championship round.

In addition to the outstanding overall team performance, team captain Grant Isbell tied for the honor of Outstanding Individual Performance. The team is sponsored by Dr. Greg Chapman.

Bishop and USA Open New Minority Opportunities

The number of U.S. scientists in biomedical research is declining. But just as disturbing, very few minorities enter the profession, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Bishop State Community College and the University of South Alabama are making an effort to increase the number of minorities, especially African Americans, entering the biomedical science field.

Twenty-one African American students are currently enrolled in the biomedical science program at Bishop State thanks to a \$323,667 grant from the National

Institutes of Health.

The grant, written by Dr. Conrad Smith, Director of Training for Business and Industry at Bishop State, and Dr. Stephen Itaya, associate professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences at the University of South Alabama, enabled Bishop State to establish a two- to three-year curriculum which allows minority students to transfer as juniors into a biomedical major at USA.

In the Biomedical Science Program, students take core science and humanities courses at Bishop State, and a seminar

course at USA. Each student's progress is monitored and assisted by Jarmora Valrie, coordinator of the Biomedical Science program at Bishop State.

During the summer, students will participate in research projects conducted by the faculty at USA. Students will receive a stipend.

"We are far from fully understanding the basic mechanisms of life. There is a great deal more research required, and we need many more biomedical scientists to do it," said Dr. Kenneth Kozeka, director of Health Related Professions at Bishop State.

Supreme Court Meets at Central Alabama College

Central Alabama Community College hosted the Supreme Court of Alabama as part of the Russell Concert and Lecture Series.

The HEA Auditorium was filled to overflowing as the Court heard arguments in two murder cases. CACC students, area high school students, community members and area attorneys attended the event.

The first case involved the murder conviction of Robert Paul Gospodareck, a Shelby County sheriff's deputy who was convicted of the murder of Jerry Wayne Callahan pursuant to a contract and was sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. The Court of Criminal Appeals had already affirmed the conviction and sentence.

At issue, however, was whether Gospodareck's confession should have been suppressed since he was held in jail while his wife and attorney were allowed no access to him, whether the conduct of interrogating officers made the confession involuntary, whether evidence was sufficient to sustain the conviction and whether the jury was properly charged.

The second case involved the capital murder conviction of Donnis Musgrove and David Rogers, charged with killing a man during a break-in at the man's house. Both were sentenced to death in 1988; an appearance before the Supreme Court was therefore automatic. At issue was whether the judge's instructions to the jury were proper.

Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby said in his opening remarks that the court visits schools two or three times each year in order to give students an opportunity to see first-hand the workings of the higher courts.

A decision should be handed down within the next few months on each case heard.

Panorama of Productivity and Performance



Art students at Faulkner State have again earned top honors in both District and State Handicap Poster Competition. The first place state winner will enter the national competition, won by Madison Wells of Faulkner State in 1993. Walter Allen, Faulkner art instructor, said, "Our students work very hard on their posters. We do very well in both District and State Competitions. I feel we have a good chance to win the National Award again this year." Pictured are Christy Sibert, 1st place state; Dian Sanders, 2nd place state; Mara McLaughlin, 3rd place state/2nd district; and Stephanie Jarman, 3rd place district; not pictured, Tim Bankerd, 1st place district.

Tech Prep Consortium Signs Articulation Plan

Representatives from the West Alabama Tech Prep Consortium joined forces on March 2nd for the signing of an articulation agreement between the secondary schools of West Alabama, local business and industrial leaders, and Shelton State Community College.

The agreement will serve as the cornerstone of the tech prep project and will kick off fall registration in the schools. With the articulation agreement in force,

students in area high schools will have the opportunity this spring to sign up for technical courses next fall.

Last year West Alabama secondary schools offered technology exploration, applied algebra, and other applied math. New tech prep courses to be offered this year are applied biology, chemistry, and physics for technologies. In 1995 schools will concentrate on communication skills and offer applied communication courses.

Medical Assistants Score in Top 1% on Exam

The Medical Assistants class which graduated recently at Wallace College scored in the top 1 percent on the national certification test.

"We are very proud that our students were so successful and had such fine grades on this exam, which is given nationwide," said Jane Ann Shannon, instructor. "We think it speaks well for the quality of the education they are getting at Wallace College."

The program prepares graduates for employment in a physician's office or other clinical setting. The Alabama Commission on Higher Education recently approved expanding the program to offer an Associate Degree in Applied Science.

Ms. Shannon and Bill Arwood are the instructors, and Dr. Bill Lupinacci is the medical director. Dr. Lupinacci serves on the four-person board of the Alabama Society of Medical Assistants.

Environmental Consortium Center Opening on Lay Lake

The Pioneer Village and Conference Center donated to the Alabama College System about six months ago by Kimberly Clark is now fulfilling its educational and environmental missions under a new name and new management.

Now known as Heritage Trail Conference Center and Pioneer Village, the property adjacent to Lay Lake which includes a late 1800s-style rural Southern village and a lodge is under the management of Steve Mahaffey, executive director of the Alabama College System Environmental Science Consortium, which is headquartered at the conference center.

According to Mahaffey, more than

1000 students have visited the pioneer village since May, when the Alabama College System took over the property. In addition, numerous civic groups, families and clubs have toured the village.

In addition to housing the Environmental Science Consortium, the conference center is now being booked as a retreat for area businesses, industries and educational institutions for meetings, seminars and lectures. Approximately 15-20 people can be housed overnight.

The Environmental Science Consortium includes Alabama Southern Community College, Calhoun State Community College, Central Alabama

Community College, Faulkner State Community College, Lawson State Community College, Northeast Alabama State Community College, Shelton State Community College and Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College. Central Alabama Community College serves as caretaker of the facility.

The consortium's policy board consists of the President of Auburn University, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education, the Chancellor for Postsecondary Education, the State Board of Education Member for District III, and the State Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

High-Tech Building Named for Sen. Horn at Lawson State

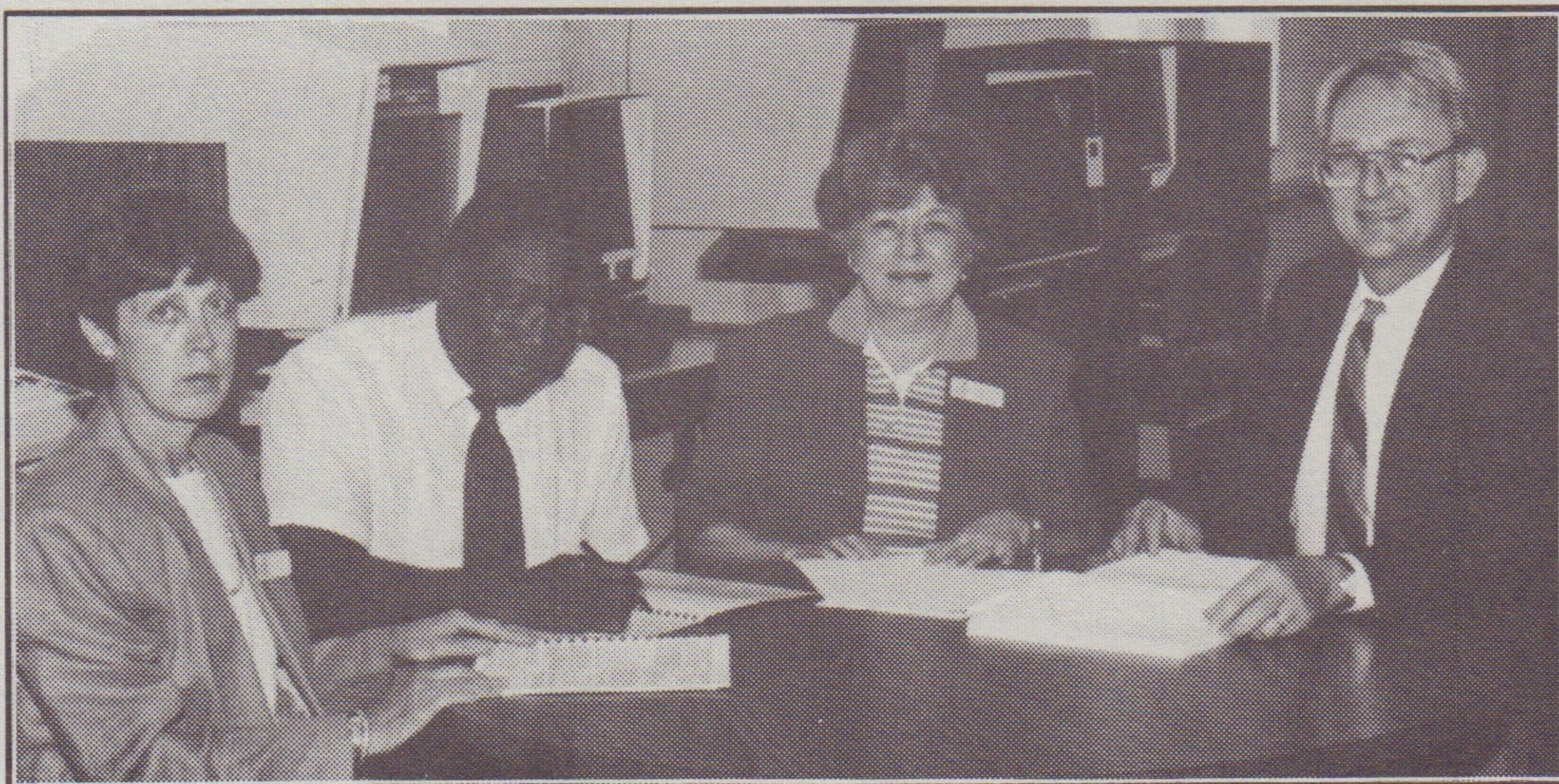
The W. Fred Horn High Technology Building was dedicated at Lawson State Community College on Sunday, December 12. The 14,677-square-foot building will house two technological departments in state-of-the-art style.

The Drafting and Design Technology Department features several high-tech learning centers. A computerized drafting and design laboratory features a large drafting desk, different designs, and stand-up size drafting boards furnished with the most up-to-date drafting supplies.

A computerized-augmented classroom/conference center features a huge screen on which the instructor can program lessons for the day, using no chalkboard and giving individualized instruction to each student. A computer-aided manufacturing/computer integrated classroom/laboratory provides a computer for each student desk. This method of individual teaching for each student makes learning much easier.

In addition, the Automotive Collision Repair Technology Department includes three functional repair bays, with MIG welding and plasma cutting capability, and

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LBW plans improvement grant implementation.

LBW College Receives Major Federal Grant

The offices of Senator Howell Heflin, Senator Richard Shelby and Congressman Terry Everett have recently notified LBW College's President Seth Hammett of a \$1,742,960 grant under Title III of the Higher Education Act for 1993-1998.

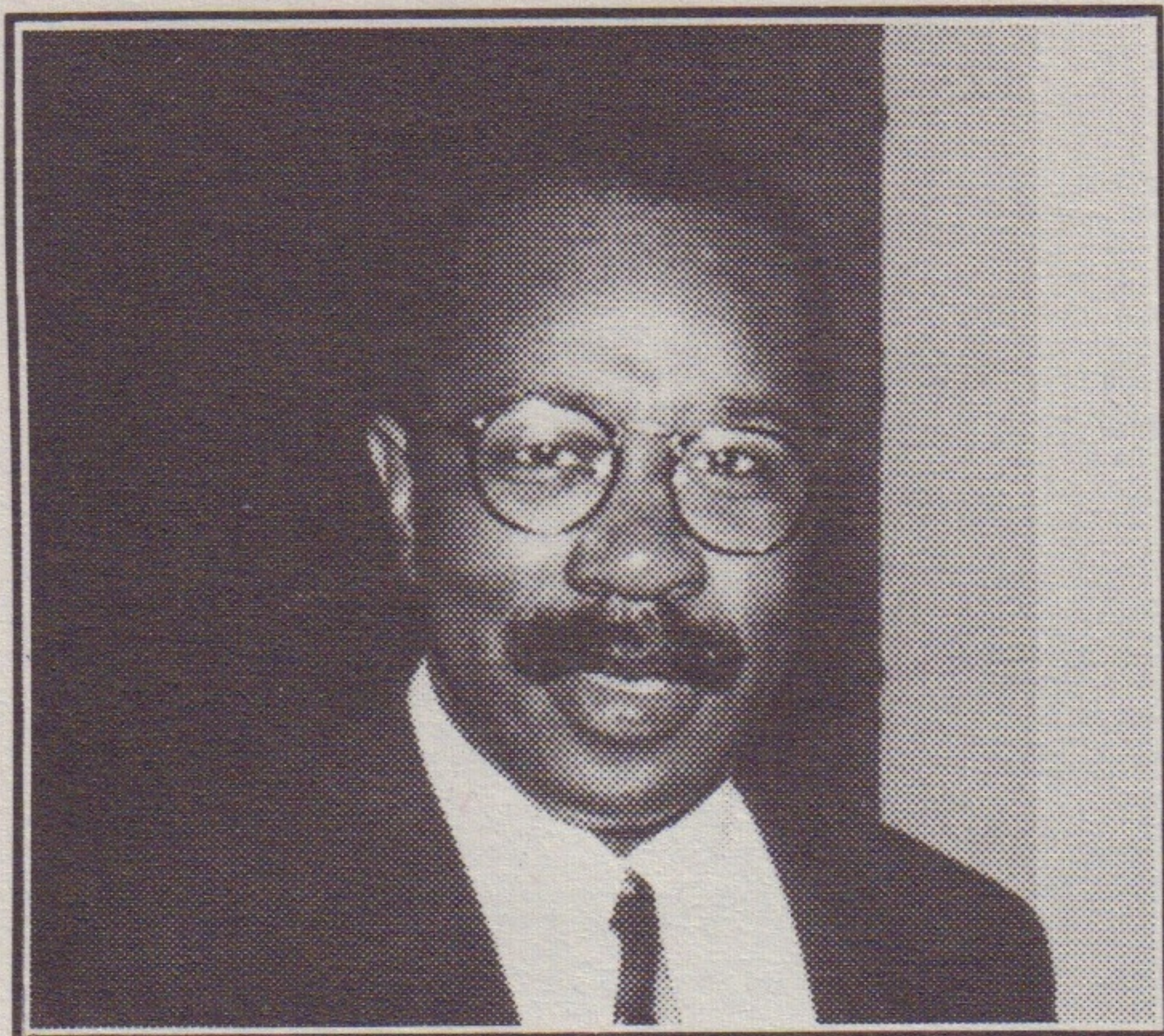
This improvement grant will develop its long-range academic goals through the purchase of equipment, the development of staff and faculty skills, the systematic upgrading of instructional programs and the implementation of student assessment and student tracking.

According to Title III Coordinator Dr. Barbara Linder, LBW was the only college

in Alabama to receive a new Title III Grant in 1993. Over 378 two-year and four-year colleges nationwide applied for 1993 Title III funding. LBW's grant application was one of 59 selected.

Key personnel involved in the implementation of the project include Mr. Lloyd Henderson, Activity I Developmental Studies Program; Ms. Sandra King, Activity II Infusion of Technology into the Curriculum; and Dr. James Krudop, Activity III Development of an Institutional Research and Effectiveness Office.

Title III project activities began at the College on October 1.



Watson speaks at Faulkner.

Faulkner Celebrates Cultural Diversity

The month of February was dedicated to a celebration of cultural diversity at Faulkner State Community College.

Mr. James H. Faulkner began the first program by delivering the invocation.

Mr. James Cox, Principal of Bay Minette Middle School; Gary Branch, Faulkner President; Fred Gainous, Alabama College System Chancellor; and John M. Tyson, Jr., Vice President, Alabama State Board of Education, all gave opening comments.

The keynote speaker, Dennis Rahiim Watson, Executive Director of the National Black Youth Leadership Council, was introduced by James Williams, Faulkner State's Special Assistant to the President. Watson was described by Mr. Williams as being a cross between the Reverend Jesse Jackson and actor-comedian Bill Cosby. He has received more than 250 awards and has been recognized for his achievements by *Dollars and Sense Magazine* and *Upscale Magazine*. He is the author of a soon-to-be-released book on black male-female relationships.

The event was concluded with a song by Franklin Edward, Faulkner State mathematics instructor, and the benediction by Larry Newton, Superintendent of Education, Baldwin County.

The month's celebration of cultural diversity ended with a performance of the Mobile Metropolitan Mass Choir, known as METRO.

Gadsden PTK wins 1994-95 Convention

Gadsden State Community College Phi Theta Kappa's Rho Rho Chapter will host the 1994-95 Regional Convention. Anniston Center student Jason Kennah was elected state president at the regional convention held in Florence. About 300 delegates represented 22 chapters from community colleges in Alabama.

In elections for the '94 officers, Kennah won the nomination for president and Martin Curry was nominated for vice president of the Alabama Region. Kennah's election is the first state office that Rho Rho Chapter has claimed. The chapter received the 1993-94 Certificate of Excellence in Recognition of Distinguished Achievement for a dramatic performance.

Anniston Center PTK members participated in a skit entitled "The Prejudice Pill," reflecting the topic "Unity and Diversity in a Complex World." Performers were LuAnn Kilbourne, PTK sponsor, Jason Kennah, Martin Curry, Sharon Lackey, Gary Snelling, Patsy Guffey, and Tanya Grimes.

Fred Horn Building

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a paint booth with the latest in painting and curing technology and a safety sprinkler system. Here students work in astronaut-like uniforms designed especially for advanced techniques.

Senator Fred Horn was joined at the dedication by friends and well-wishers. Dr. Ethel Hall, Alabama State Board member, commended Senator Horn for his productive work. Horn responded to the honor bestowed upon him with, "This is the joy of life, that of being esteemed by my fellow men and of rendering myself worthy of their esteem."

Sen. Horn and Lawson president Dr. Perry Ward see the dedicated building as a monument to hope and opportunity for youth. The disciplines taught within these walls will open new awareness of service and career choices for those who choose to enter.



Elvie Williamson

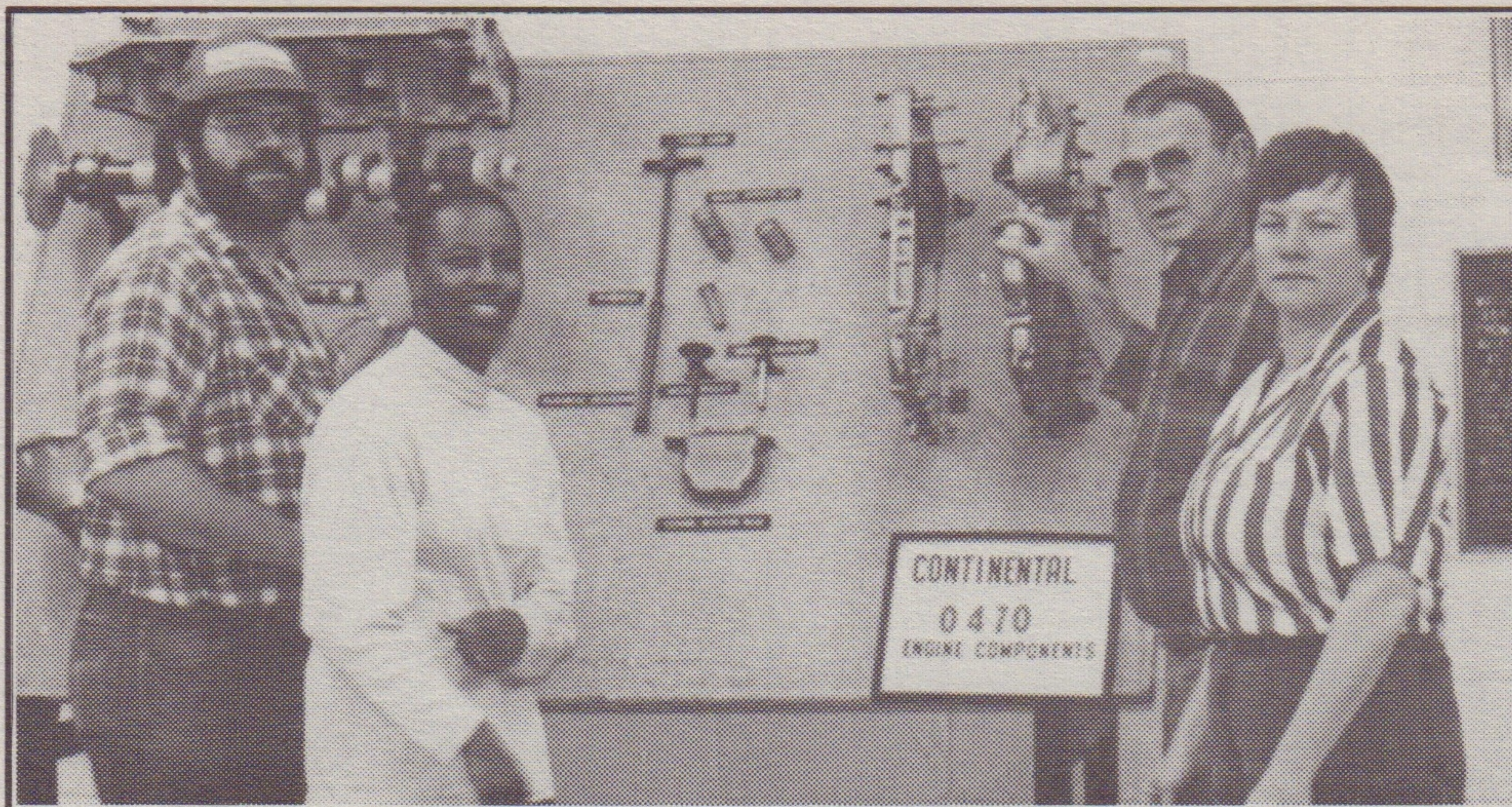
Elvie Williamson Is Top Support Staffer

It was 1971, and a student named Elvie had just received her associate degree in secretarial science from Jefferson State Junior College. She'd worked hard during her time at the college, serving as a work-study secretary for all the instructors in the science and math division.

Elvie went on to earn her bachelor's in business administration from the University of Montevallo, and in 1974, she found herself back in the science and math division at Jefferson State, this time as a full-time employee.

That was the first step on a fruitful career for Elvie Williamson, who was recently presented with the Support Staff Member of the Year Award by Chancellor Fred Gainous.

Elvie studied academic advising and advising concepts and helped design the new system for Jefferson State, working with students, advisors, faculty, staff and other colleges. She helped write an advising manual which is now used by all faculty and staff. She taught orientation classes to entering freshmen and received enthusiastic evaluations from her students.



Students assisting in set-up for seminar include Mel Revert; Sandra Williams; Mr. Bob Lee, Instructor; and Mary Hanley.

Maintenance Symposium at Alabama Aviation

An Aviation Maintenance Symposium was held at Alabama Aviation and Technical College on February 28 and March 1, 1994. The Professional Aviation Maintenance Association and the Federal Aviation Administration sponsored the symposium to bring the aviation maintenance community together for an update on the latest product changes and maintenance guidance. The seminar met the requirements for FAA inspector authorization

renewal and the aircraft mechanic technician awards programs sponsored by the FAA.

Some of the companies represented were Teledyne Continental, Airwork, Northwest Airlines, Craftsman Industrial Tools, Olympus Borescope, Snap-On Tool Corporation, and Aircraft Window Repairs. Approximately 200 maintenance personnel from the southeastern United States were on AATC's campus for the event.

Calhoun Cheering Squad Earns National Rank

The Calhoun Community College cheering squad earned a fourth-place national ranking in the collegiate National Cheerleaders' national competition in Dallas on January 4-5, 1994.

The squad competed against the nation's top two-year and four-year colleges and universities in the All-Girls competition. The University of New York-Buffalo took first place; the University of Oklahoma, second place; and

the University of Pittsburgh-Jonestown, third place.

During the past 15 years, Calhoun's squads have placed in the top ten nationally on several occasions. Last year, the squad was ranked sixth.

Squad members are Heather Davis, Kristi Green, Denise Griffin, Christie Lamon, Brandy Palmer, Brandi Henderson, Cindy Wilson, Mandy Crowe, Dana Southard, Bobbi Dunn, April Pike and Lara Bailey. Gina McCoy is sponsor.

Bessemer State Receives New Computers

The Accounting, Nursing, and Office Administration Departments at Bessemer State Technical College recently received

new computers and equipment, to be used to introduce students to the technology they will find in the workplace.

EMS Newsletter, Alliance at Northeast

Emergency medical personnel in Jackson and DeKalb counties recently organized to further the professional education of EMS professionals and students in the area and to provide information about EMS to the public.

ACE—the Alliance for Cooperative Education—was created in February for medical professionals, volunteer rescue squad and fire department members, EMT students, and anyone interested in emergency medical services. Some of the goals of ACE were to hold regular continuing education training, to provide public speakers for organizations needing to hear from EMS personnel, and to publish a newsletter. Sponsor is Mike Kennamer, EMS director at Northeast.

To keep ACE members updated on medical and EMS news, ACE has assumed publication of *The Strip*, their newsletter. ACE will publish *The Strip* through Northeast on a regular basis. Included will be article such as this issue's update on Alabama's new PMO drugs, listings of upcoming training scheduled by local rescue squads and fire departments, and news from various agencies. Student members of ACE chose the name and logo of *The Strip*.

Note: This news story is adapted from the Spring 1994 issue of The Strip. It was written by Northeast student and ACE member Elton Roberts.

LSCC Choir on Move

Lawson State Community College Choir travelled to Washington, D.C., on March 22 to participate in the "HBCUs Performing Arts Expo," sponsored by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO). This year marks the 25th anniversary of NAFEO.

Directed by Ms. Bessie Shelton, the choir performed a jazz tune at the "Cabaret Performing Arts Expo '94" and two other selections during the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Ceremony. After a cultural enrichment trip, the choir returned home on March 27.

Snead Cheerleaders 4th in Nation

Snead State Community College cheerleaders ranked fourth nationally in Division II competition and have been invited to compete in the 1994 UCA College Cheerleading National Championships to be held at Sea World in San Diego, California.

Only eleven institutions in Division II were invited to the UCA Nationals. In addition to being ranked fourth in Division II, Snead is also the first community college in the state of Alabama ever to be invited to this national competition.

Since there is no community college division, Snead will be competing against such institutions as Mississippi College and Delta State University.

Squads from across the United States submitted video tapes for the preliminary competition. According to Cheer Coach Libby Bates, "Snead performed partner stunts, tumbling, pyramids, and basket tosses for the skills demonstration portion." For the final competition, squads will perform a two-minute routine set to music.



The Snead State Community College cheerleaders are Erich Nelson, Happy Hooper, Henry Sewell, Bengy McDowell, Schinley Patton, Chad Lancaster, Richi Hayes, Trent Crosson, Geri Durham, Misty Ridgeway, Tonya Hammett, and Misty Roberts.



Members of the 1993-94 Southern Union cheerleading squad include Tracie Collier, Jennifer Thompson, Syndie Brannan, Felecia Mulkey, Michelle McLain, Susan Williamson, DeeAnn Hodge, Holly Gartman, Jennifer Maddox, DeLaine Garrett, Amie Harden, Jennifer Miller, Shanna Miller, Chastity Whaley, Tracy Brandt, Amy Ellison, Lynn Reaves, and Heather Jordan.

Southern Union Cheerleaders 5th in Nation

Southern Union State Community College's cheerleaders finished among the nation's best during a competition January 3-5 in Dallas, Texas.

The squad placed fifth in the All-Girl Division at the National Cheerleader Association's National Cheerleading Finals, where the competitors included primarily four-year schools.

Calhoun Community College, the fourth place winner, was the only other Alabama squad to compete at nationals.

This year marks the fifth consecutive year that Southern Union's cheerleaders have achieved a national ranking.

The group was sixth in the nation in 1990, fourth in 1991, and 10th in 1992 and 1993. The cheerleaders are led by Andrea Smith.

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Wallace MLT Reaccredited Until 2000 A.D.

The Medical Laboratory Technology program at Wallace College has received the stamp of approval from the American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation until the year 2000, the maximum time allowed.

"No areas of concern," the professional team reported after reviewing the self-study and visiting the campus. "That is the highest of praise for our program," said Dr. Imogene Mixson, Academic Dean.

The MLT program at Wallace College is an eight-quarter course. It has graduated

more than 100 students since its inception in 1975, most of them employed in Wiregrass hospitals and health facilities. Dr. Sylvia Norton now heads the program.

The accreditation team noted the "exceptional dedication of the program director, the strong commitment of the college administration and the support of clinical affiliates" as areas of strength.

They also mentioned the scores earned by graduates on the Board of Registry exams, their employment history, and the high percentage continuing their education.

Southern Union Phi Theta Kappa Gets Top State Awards

Southern Union State Community College's Iota Iota chapter of Phi Theta Kappa took top honors at the recent Alabama Regional Convention at Northwest Community College. For the second consecutive year, Iota Iota was selected as the Most Distinguished Chapter in Alabama, the highest honor a region can bestow on an individual chapter.

Iota Iota's Wadley campus president Sarah Ergle brought recognition to the chapter by being named as Phi Theta Kappa's Most Distinguished Student in Alabama. Sarah was also inducted into the society's prestigious Order of the Golden Key.

Also representing the chapter with individual accomplishment was Scott Miller of Lineville who campaigned for and was elected to the office of Regional Vice President. As a result of Scott's election, Iota Iota will now have the privilege of hosting the Regional Leadership Conference at Southern Union's Wadley campus next fall.

Iota Iota received chapter recognition for contributions and achievements in each of the four hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa—Leadership, Scholarship, Service and Fellowship. In addition, the chapter was honored for maintaining Five-Star status, the highest level of achievement for a Phi Theta Kappa Chapter. Chapter advisor is Karen Stone.



Among those participating in the dedication of the new Greenville campus were Probate Court Judge Calvin Steindorff, LBW Dean Dr. James Krudop, Alabama College System Chancellor Dr. Fred Gainous, State Representative Charles Newton, Greenville Mayor Ernie Smith, LBW President Seth Hammett, Student Government President Troy McConnell, State Senator Wendell Mitchell, and Greenville Campus Coordinator Dr. Jean Thompson-Manko.

Bishop Club Forms to Tutor Students

The Science and Math Club at Bishop State Community College, composed of 42 members of different ages and ethnicity, was formed to tutor students. The club will tutor students having trouble with science and math, particularly algebra, physics, biology, anatomy and physiology classes. Kathleen Ashcraft, president, says it will also help members to explore the different aspects of science and math.

The club requires members be enrolled in a science or math class and pay an annu-

al \$10 membership fee. Club members must maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average to tutor students having problems in these classes.

Scholarships will be available to some club members and presented at the end of the school year. Monies for scholarships are raised from concession sales during basketball games and bake sales. The club plans to participate in national environmental projects. It plans to take field trips that will be both educational and fun.

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Faulkner Australians Darren Jauncey, Peter Lockwood, Mark Doubleday, and Brett Caulfield.

Four Faulkner Student Athletes Have Something in Common

Peter plays golf; Darren, Brett, and Mark are making significant contributions to the baseball team.

This sounds very normal for college athletics, but at Faulkner State these athletes are unique. It is not their athletic abilities that makes them unique—it is their home towns. Peter is from Brisbane; Mark is from Sydney; Darren is from Canberra; and Brett is from Melbourne—Australians all.

The three baseball players are in their second year at Faulkner State and have plans to attend senior institutions. Brett and Mark, Business Majors, hope to continue playing baseball on scholarship after leaving Faulkner State. Darren also wants to play on scholarship. He plans to major in occupational therapy. Peter is a freshman and will continue to play golf next year. He

plans to attend a four-year institution and major in business. Long-term goals for all are to be professionals in their respective sports.

All four Australians are often asked what brings them to Bay Minette. Almost in unison they said "Sports."

They had heard about Faulkner through their high school coaches and were excited to be able to combine athletics with academics.

All felt that saying goodbye to friends and starting over in a new town was the hardest thing for them to do. However, they all mentioned good experiences at Faulkner State.

All four agreed, if they had it to do all over again, they would come to Faulkner State. Mark said that Faulkner State "prepares you for the rest of your life."

Wenda Nichols Receives Pathologists' National Scholarship

All the long hours of study paid off for Wenda Nichols last quarter when she was chosen in a nation-wide search to receive a \$1000 scholarship from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. Wenda was chosen from over 350 applicants for her outstanding academic achievement in Jefferson State's Medical Laboratory Technology Program.

Although Wenda wasn't particularly attracted to science courses in high school at Shades Valley, she found her college biology and chemistry courses to be interesting and chose the MLT Program because she wanted a job in medicine that would focus on lab work.

Wenda's academic program is a family goal. Wenda's hours are filled mostly with studying and caring for her eight-year-old daughter, Wenda Jean, interspersed with phone calls and letters to and from her husband Mike, on active military duty.



Wenda Nichols

ACA Members Earn Honors



Barbara Singleton, chemistry instructor at Bishop State Community College, has been elected president of the Alabama and Mississippi College Chemistry Teachers Association for the 1993-94 term. The primary goal of the organization is to provide social interaction, professional development, and political action for the college chemistry teachers of Alabama and Mississippi.

Alabama Aviation's Poster Wins Award

On February 19, 1994, Alabama Aviation & Technical College's Substance Abuse Prevention poster, "Don't Let Drugs Cast A Shadow On Your Performance," was awarded a Certificate of Excellence in the public service-print material category by the Montgomery Advertising Federation. The poster theme focused on the mission of the college and the risks involved in using alcohol and other drugs.

LWT Communications of Montgomery produced the poster, which was developed as part of AATC's Substance Abuse Prevention and Awareness grant program funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education and the U.S. Department of Education. The college is providing free posters to AATC students, high schools, and the aviation industry.



Dr. Jack Oden, PTK advisor at Enterprise State Junior College, was honored by the national association of Phi Theta Kappa. ESJC's Tau Mau chapter has won numerous awards under the guidance of Dr. Oden.

Northeast Presents Bush in Piano Recital

Dr. Jerry Alan Bush, Professor of Music at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, was heard in a piano recital at Northeast Alabama State Community College on March 17.

Immediately following this program, Dr. Bush conducted a master class.

Both events were attended by students and members of the public.

In addition to teaching piano performance, piano pedagogy, and keyboard literature at USA, Dr. Bush has appeared extensively on artist series throughout the South and on public television and fine arts radio broadcasts.

Dr. Bush is the winner of nine piano competitions and has guided his students to more than four hundred awards and honors.

He was the first piano teacher in the nation to be awarded the Master Teacher Certificate, the highest level of professional certification granted by the Music Teachers National Association. This program was a part of NASCC's continuing effort to meet the needs of the students and community.

Alabama's Largest Nursing School Is at Wallace College

The Associate Degree Nursing program at Wallace College is the biggest in Alabama. It ranks 34th in the nation in the number of degrees awarded in 1989-90, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Larry Beaty, Wallace College President, said recent figures show Wallace has graduated more nurses than any other institution in Alabama, and has had more graduates pass the state board examinations. He announced these impressive statistics at a news conference where he honored the nursing faculty for fine work and presented plaques to area legislators who have provided financial support.

Dick Bell, chair of the Wallace College Foundation Board of Directors, and Jim Loftin, board member, presented plaques to State Reps. Nolan Williams and Nathan Mathis. Mrs. Joe Carothers and Mrs. John Beasley accepted on behalf of their spouses. Plaques also went to Sen. Chip Bailey and Rep. Wendell Mitchell.

Glenda Spann, chair of the ADN Department, noted that the program, which started in 1969, has graduated more than 1,700 registered nurses, who supply some 80 percent of the nurses for area hospitals. She introduced the full time faculty members: Kathy Buntin, Jackie Bush, Annette Davis, Sandra Dent, Wendy Downing, Cleo Freeman, Linda Gilmore, Paula Lyon, Carol Mason, Rose Miller, Fred Ortman, Cindajo Overton, Cindy Quisenberry, Mary Sue Ray, Cynthia Rogers, Sandy Spengler, and Lilly Street.

Art Show Winners

The annual College Art Show sponsored by Alabama Art Supply included entries from Bessemer State Tech, The University of Alabama, UAB and the University of Montevallo.

Bessemer State Tech students took the top honors in Air Brush Illustration.

The winners were Mark Turner, David Manley and Calvin Thomas.

Lawson State Receives Award for National Youth Sports Program

Lawson State Community College has been awarded most-improved status for its 1993 NYSP project performance by the National Collegiate Athletic Association on behalf of the National Youth Sports Program Committee.

Eldridge O. Turner, project administrator, and Tonette Allen, activity director, were acknowledged at the national meeting in Washington, D.C., for their outstanding leadership.

The program, in partnership with the

Department of Health and Human Services, the NCAA and 170 colleges and universities, provides needy youth with services such as medical examinations, USDA-approved meals, and educational and athletics instruction.

NYSP has been a highly successful public-private partnership for 25 years. Lawson State has also been awarded a \$49,800 grant to conduct the Summer NYSP programs for economically disadvantaged youths aged 10 to 16.



Shelton State Community College celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the school's Fifteenth Street Campus in November 1993. Over 300 alumni, including some of the students enrolled during the 1950's, were on hand for the celebration. Shown are Mrs. H.I. James (center), wife of the first president of Shelton State Trade School, with her family.

News Briefs

A state-of-the-art computer system was recently purchased by the music department at **Calhoun Community College**. Calhoun is the only school in the area with a digital system.

Bishop State Community College has formed a club for students to tutor in science and math.

Northeast Alabama State Community College has purchased a semi-automatic defibrillator as part of a major upgrade of its EMS lab facilities.

Lawrann Gamble of **Enterprise State** placed first in the Tommy Thomas Honda/AT&T Investment Challenge.

Snead State Community College has purchased the Boaz Armory to facilitate classes in Welding and EMS.

Gadsden State Community College student Specialist Matthew M. Blackwelder was named Post Soldier of the Year at Fort McClellan in February of this year.

LBW College has initiated a scholarship program called New Beginnings for students who have been out of school or college for at least two years.

*Alabama College
System*

Seven important education leaders visited Jefferson State recently to answer questions on current proposals for education reform. Included among the panelists were (L to R in photo): Bill Smith of A+, Sandi Schmidt of the Alabama State PTA, Dick Brewbaker of SCORE 100, Bettye Fine Collins of the State Board of Education, Paul Hubbert of the Alabama Education Association, Sandra Sims-deGraffenried of the Alabama Association of School Boards, and Charlie Waldrep of Alabama First. Mike Royer, news anchor for WVTM-TV, acted as master of ceremonies. The event was co-sponsored by Pinson Valley High School PTA president Marie Harbison and other active PTA leaders in eastern Jefferson County.



Central Alabama Community College Wins Grant from National Science Foundation

King W. (Nick) Nicholson, Department of Science/Physics of Central Alabama Community College, has received a National Science Foundation grant of \$13,546 for support of his project "Combining Experiments with Lectures in Calculus and Physics."

The grant will support instrumentation and lab equipment, including interactive Apple Macintosh computers. The program is designed to use simulations in mathematics for both calculus and physics instead of the traditional drill and practice method.

Nicholson said the inspiration for his grant proposal grew out of the application of NSF grant monies awarded to Joseph W. Branch, Department of Science, Mathematics and Pre-Engineering of Central Alabama Community College, last year. Branch's project "Development of an Open Science/Mathematics Computer Laboratory" provided \$36,544 in grant

money for interactive computers to be used in lab experiment simulations. Matching funds were provided by the Roberta and Benjamin Russell Foundation. As a result of his work, Branch has served as guest lecturer at a wide range of educational events, including county and public school systems, faculty workshops and the two-year college conference.

Nicholson said use of this laboratory provided an impetus for exploring a means of providing a visual representation to answer students' "what if" questions in physics courses. The new system allows students to use techniques of physics in calculus courses. In fact, Nicholson has dubbed the introductory calculus course "Reality Calculus 1."

In preparation for utilization of the grant, Nicholson has attended a number of national and regional workshops sponsored by NSF.

High-Powered Welding Show Unites Students, Employers

Few 17- and 18-years-old have the chance to interact with personnel directors from state and national firms before making a career decision. Nor do students usually have the opportunity to see futuristic technology demonstrated by industry experts. However, local high school students enrolled in tech prep welding programs experienced these opportunities January 25 at the Welding Technology Exhibition at MacArthur State Technical College.

A program of high-tech equipment demonstrations and presentations by personnel directors featured Curt Salisbury, of Fluor Daniel Inc., Greenville, S.C.; C. M. Davenport of Ingalls Ship Building Company, Pascagoula, Mississippi; and Joseph Boyd, a MacArthur graduate and Opp and Micolis Mills employee.

A technology tour featuring demonstrations of new equipment by Hobart, Lincoln, and Panasonic rounded out the day's events. Industry representatives demonstrated welding processes at four different exhibits. MacArthur's new welding robot was also a featured attraction.

The Welding Technology Exhibition was planned by the Tech Prep Welding Curriculum Committee of the South Central Alabama Tech Prep Consortium. Members of the Committee include welding and agriculture teachers from city and county schools in Coffee, Crenshaw, Geneva, Covington, and Pike counties as well as MacArthur State Technical College.

Calhoun Receives Federal Grant to Fund Program to Assist Disabled Students

A \$97,956 grant from the United States Department of Education will enable Calhoun Community College to design and implement a program to assist disabled students with career choices and job placement.

Through Project GATE, coordinated by project director Virginia Smith, the role of the college's existing placement office will be enhanced to better serve the needs of disabled students.

According to Mrs. Smith, Calhoun is one of only four community colleges

among the schools receiving the 15 grants awarded nationally. Among the activities to be addressed through the grant are seminars and workshops to educate employers on appropriate job modifications and accommodations for disabled employees and job searches and information on available careers for students. The project also will provide inservice training and orientation programs focusing on the awareness and provision of support services and accommodations needed by students with disabilities.

Trenholm State Awarded Job Corps Facility

U.S. Senator Richard C. Shelby has announced that Trenholm State Technical College in Montgomery has won the national competition for a new Job Corps center. Trenholm State competed with 89 sites across the nation and is one of nine

new Job Corps sites awarded.

The Montgomery Job Corps center will serve about 680 unemployed, out-of-school, needy young people each year. About 76 percent of the youths graduating from a Job Corps center will get jobs or go on to further education.

ACA 1994 Conference Schedule

Sunday, November 20

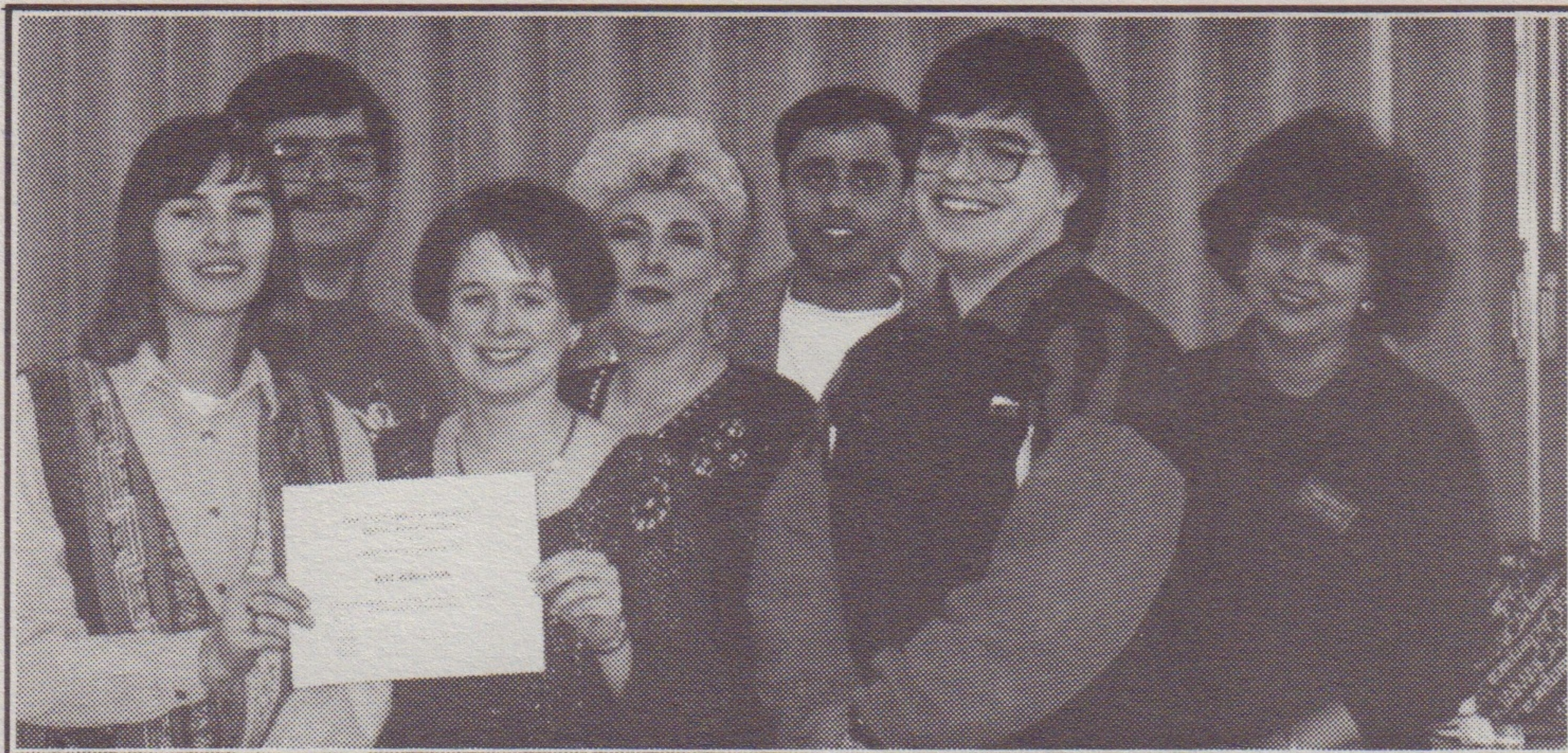
Pre-Conference

Monday, November 21

General Session, Commission Meetings, and music by ACA students

Tuesday, November 22

Interest Groups



NASCC Yearbook Staff: Misty Palmer, Shane Abrams, Martha Gentry, Virginia Harris, Kevin Aryal, Shawn Abrams, Sheila Akins, Sponsor.

NASCC Yearbook Wins Awards

The Northeast Alabama State Community College 1993 yearbook, *Backroads*, won the Columbia Scholastic Press Association First Place Award. A division of Columbia University in New York, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association was developed in 1925 to help improve student publications.

All publications entered receive a plac-

ing based on total numerical scores. The First Place Award scores from 850 to 924; Northeast scored 905. In addition to First Place, the yearbook was given an All-Columbian Honor which entails Concept, Coverage, Writing, Design and Photography. Northeast received the All-Columbian Honor on Concept for the theme of the yearbook, "The Same Yet Different."

Ms. Sheila Akins, sponsor of the yearbook, is very pleased about the awards.

She has worked many hours with students on the yearbook staff, and is proud of their accomplishments.

The yearbook also won an award from Taylor Publishing Company. Taylor will use this yearbook as a model for other colleges to follow.

LBW Announces 'New Beginnings' Program for Adults

Lurleen B. Wallace College is now offering a new scholarship program, New Beginnings, which will benefit full-time, non-traditional students. The scholarships will be offered to potential students who have not attended college or have been out of school/college for at least two years. Twenty-five scholarships will be awarded for the Spring Quarter for qualified applicants.

"At LBW, we know there are many individuals who want to prepare for advancement and many who would like a more rewarding career. LBW can help these individuals enhance their career options. Our desire is to help people take the first step toward their dreams by attending LBW in the Spring Quarter," said President Seth Hammett.

Ronnie Rose has recently been named Dean of Human Resources and Federal Programs for **Shelton State Community College**.

Sue Kelley, English instructor at **Snead State Community College**, recently retired. She had taught English for 40 years.

Maurice A. Holt, former Director of Recruitment and Student Activities at the Carver Campus of **Bishop State**

Jane Glasgow Vance Honored by Founders' Chair at Northeast

Jane Glasgow Vance, Instructor of Biology at Northeast Alabama State Community College in Rainsville, has been chosen for the Founders' Chair award at Northeast. The award annually recognizes the Most Outstanding Faculty Member at the college.

The Founders' Chair Award was established by an initial donation by the Scottsboro Chapter of the National Secretaries Association. The award is selected from nominations from the Northeast faculty, students, administration, and the Founders' Chair Committee. Members of the committee are Kay Scruggs, Anna Ruth Campbell, Virginia Skelton, Lora Mae Davis and Charles Willmon.

In addition to receiving the Founders' Chair Award, Vance was recently installed as President of the Alabama College Association. Vance has been a member of the faculty at NASCC since 1978 and serves as sponsor of the SGA. She is the district Lay Leader of the Albertville District of the United Methodist Church, a certified lay speaker, church pianist and treasurer, and serves on several North Alabama Conference Boards of the United Methodist Church.

She is the mother of two children: Amy South Cook and James W. Vance.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James A. Glasgow, of Phil Campbell.

Changes

Community College, has been appointed Director of Administration and Curriculum at Bishop State.

Rita Crider has been named Coordinator of International Student Affairs and adviser to international students at **Gadsden State Community College**.

James M. Brown has been named the new Director of Telecommunications Services for **Shelton State Community College**.

Alabama College Association Members Attend Conferences

Dr. Penne Laubenthal, of **Athens State College**, presented a workshop on "The Eightfold Path and the Fruit of the Spirit" at the Center for Religious Science in Huntsville. She also will deliver a paper in Memphis at the Southern Humanities Conference entitled "Looking Backward: Toward a Postmodern Medicine."



Bob Stone, Coordinator of Business and Industry Training at **Central Alabama Community College**, recently represented the state of Alabama at the annual joint meeting of U.S./Japan Association and the Japan-U.S. Southeast Association in Osaka, Japan.



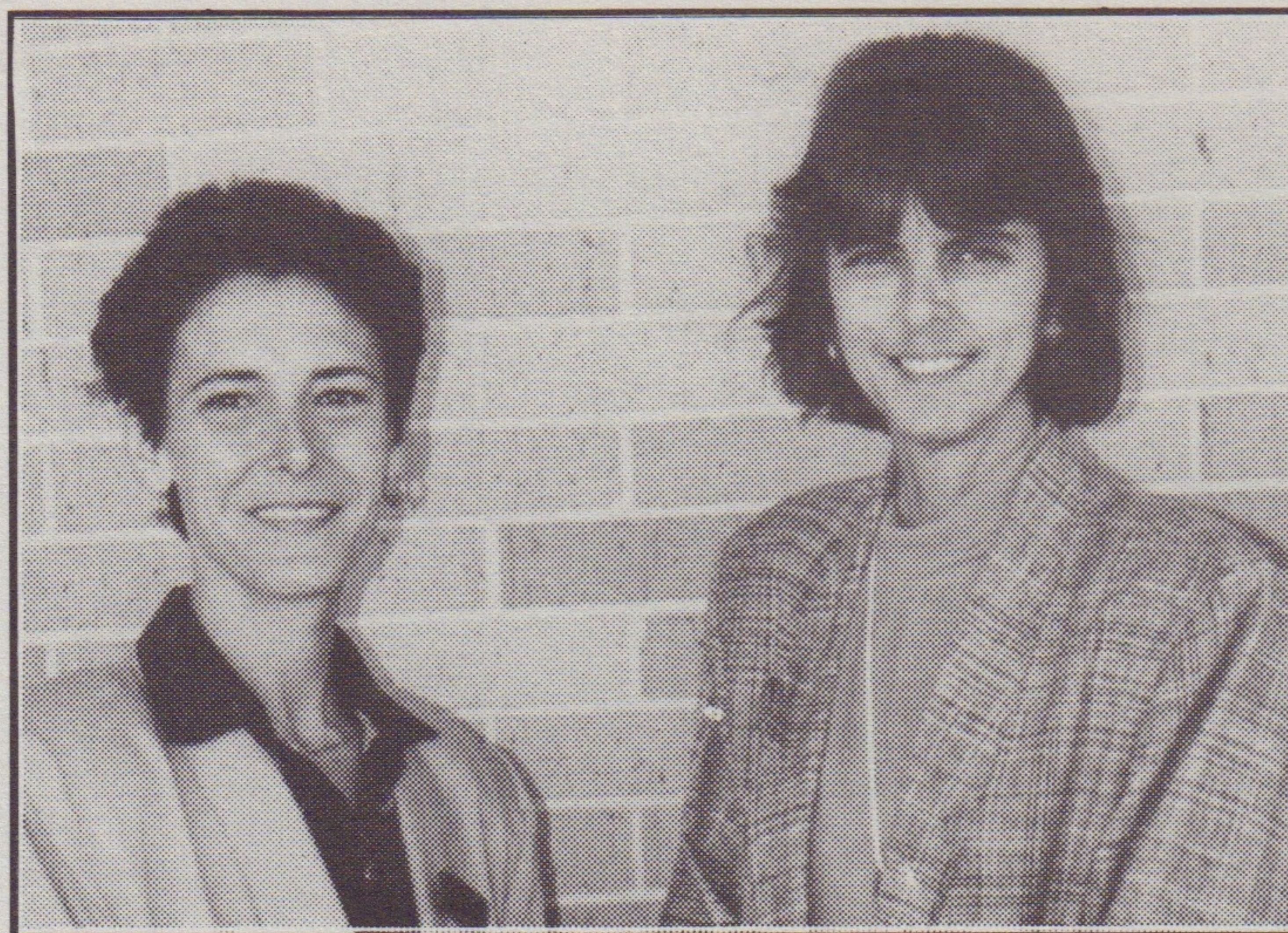
Ruby Ward, cosmetology instructor at **Reid State Technical College**, recently attended the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology for the 38th annual conference in Durham, N.C.



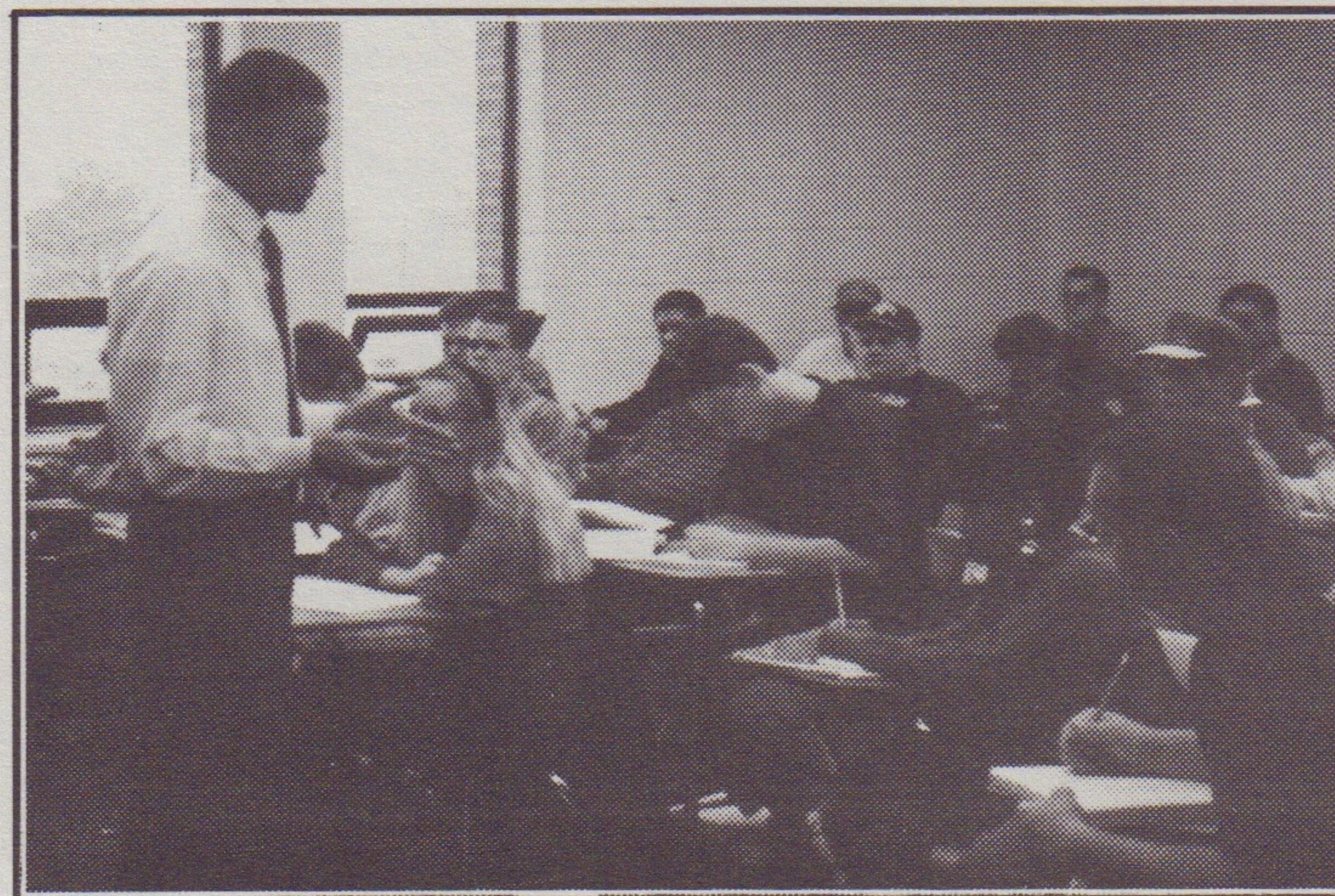
James M. Nix, Jr., business and economics instructor at **Central Alabama Community College**, Alexander City campus, attended the Teaching Strategies for the Economics Curriculum seminar sponsored by South-Western Publishing Co. held at Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel in Atlanta.



Carolyn Jennings, director of development at **Jefferson Davis Community College**, has been selected as one of the participants in the 1994 National Council for Resource Development, Specialist Training Program. Ms. Jennings will observe the operation of a successful college foundation and grants office and meet in Washington with congressional representatives, their aides and other representatives from two-year college organizations.



Wanda Motes and Kathy Haynes of **ENTERPRISE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE** attended the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges, where they presented a workshop on how to operate the TI-81 Graphic Calculator. They were the only two presenters out of 78 from Alabama.



Keith Jackson, Criminal Justice instructor at **CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**, lectures a class. Jackson and Dr. Jerry Armor, also of Calhoun's Criminal Justice Department, presented a paper on "Juvenile Gang Activity in Alabama" at the Southern Criminal Justice Association's annual meeting in Charleston, South Carolina.

presented a program at the Tennessee Counseling Association in Memphis, Tennessee, entitled "Identification, Assessment and Referral of High Risk Adolescents." The session focused on identifying high risk adolescents, decision making as to needs, possible alternatives and current treatment aspects for high-risk adolescents.

Gregg Bennett, executive director of The Bevill Center for Advanced Manufacturing Technology; Dr. Victor Ficker, GSCC President; and Dr. Brenda Crowe, director of Center for Adult Learners at **Gadsden State**, presented "Partnerships for the Future: Teleconferencing and Teleteaching among Universities, Community Colleges, Businesses and Industries" at the annual convention of the League for Innovation in the Community College in Nashville.



Dr. Douglas Wertsch, of the Humanities Department at **Athens State**, will present a paper concerning the historical development of the New Deal's "War Against Crime" in the 1930s before the Rural Studies Conference of the Western Social Sciences Association.



Coach Larry Giangrosso, athletic director of **Central Alabama Community College**, attended a fund-raising clinic in Las Vegas, sponsored by the National Association of College Athletic Directors. He also conducted a baseball clinic at the convention center in Halifax, Nova Scotia, for high school coaches.



Dr. Brian Kennedy, of **Athens State College**, recently

Alabama College Association Members Earn Honors

Dr. Bob Boothe, Assistant to the President of **Wallace College**, will be included in the *WHO'S WHO WORLD-WIDE REGISTRY, INC.*, 1994-95 edition. The *Registry* is a leading and authoritative reference source of accomplished individuals and their career positions.

Chef Herman Packer, quantity foods instructor at **Jefferson Davis Community College**, has been nominated for the 1994 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Teaching Excellence Award sponsored by the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin. He

will be honored at a special ceremony during the International Conference on Teaching Excellence in May.

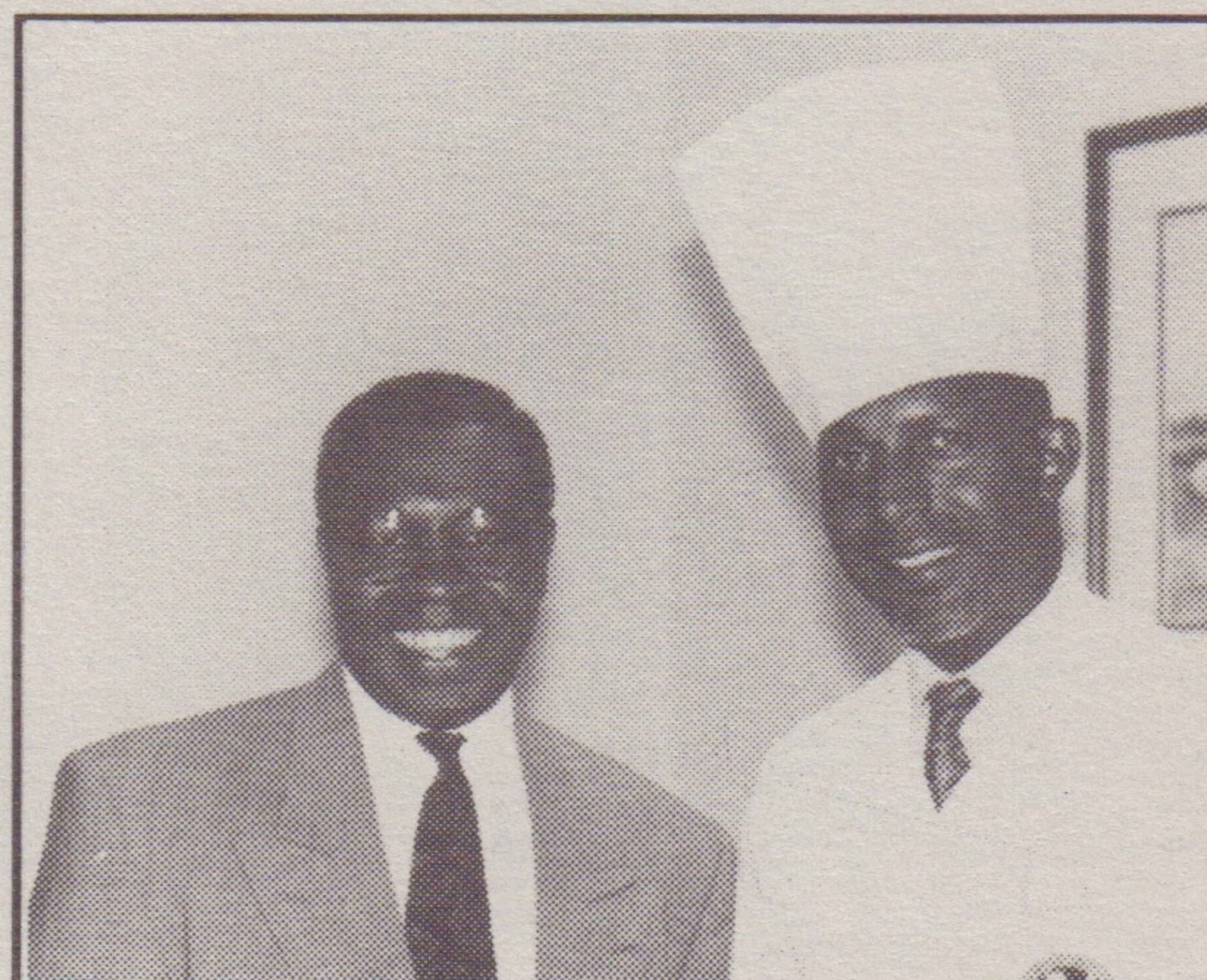
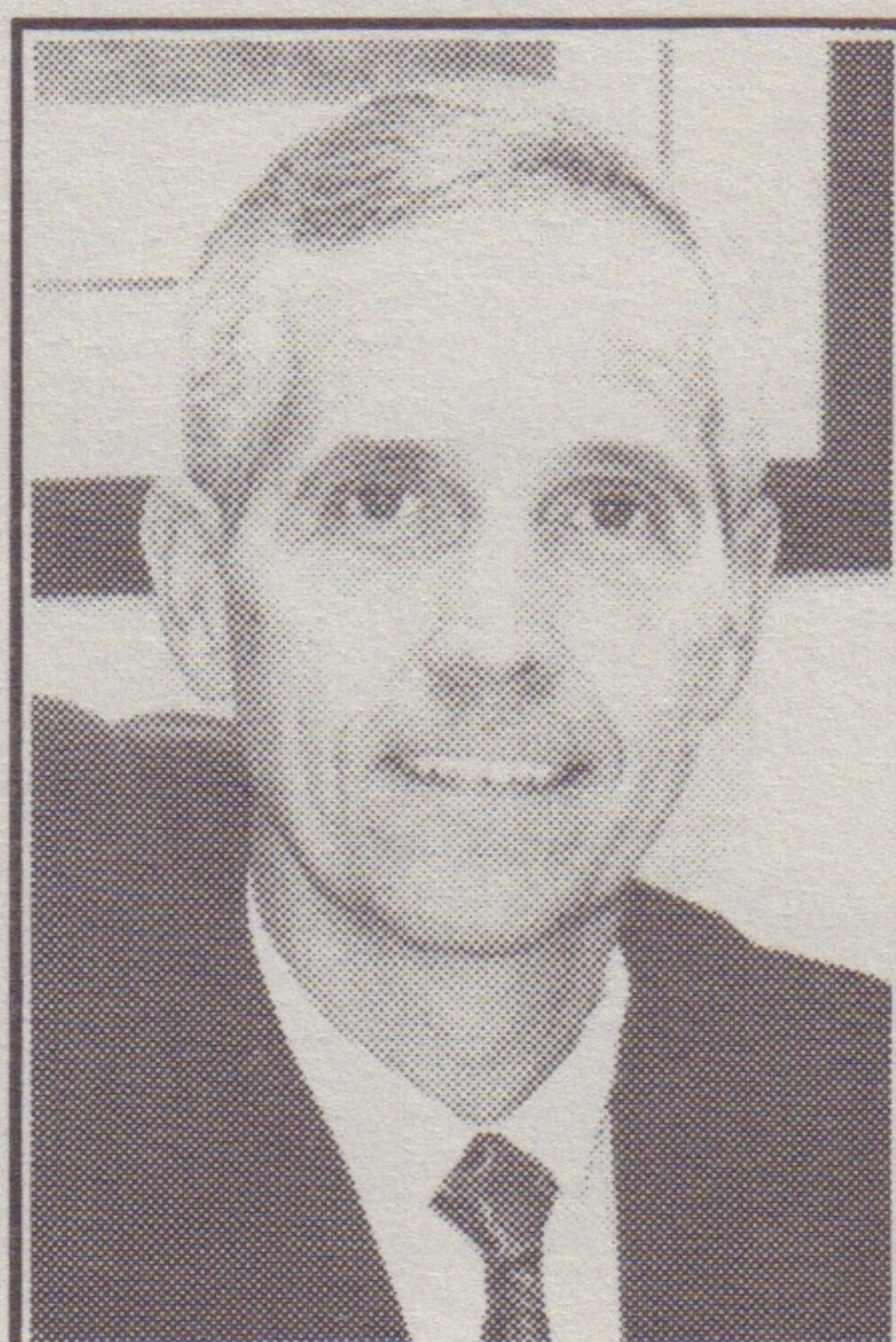
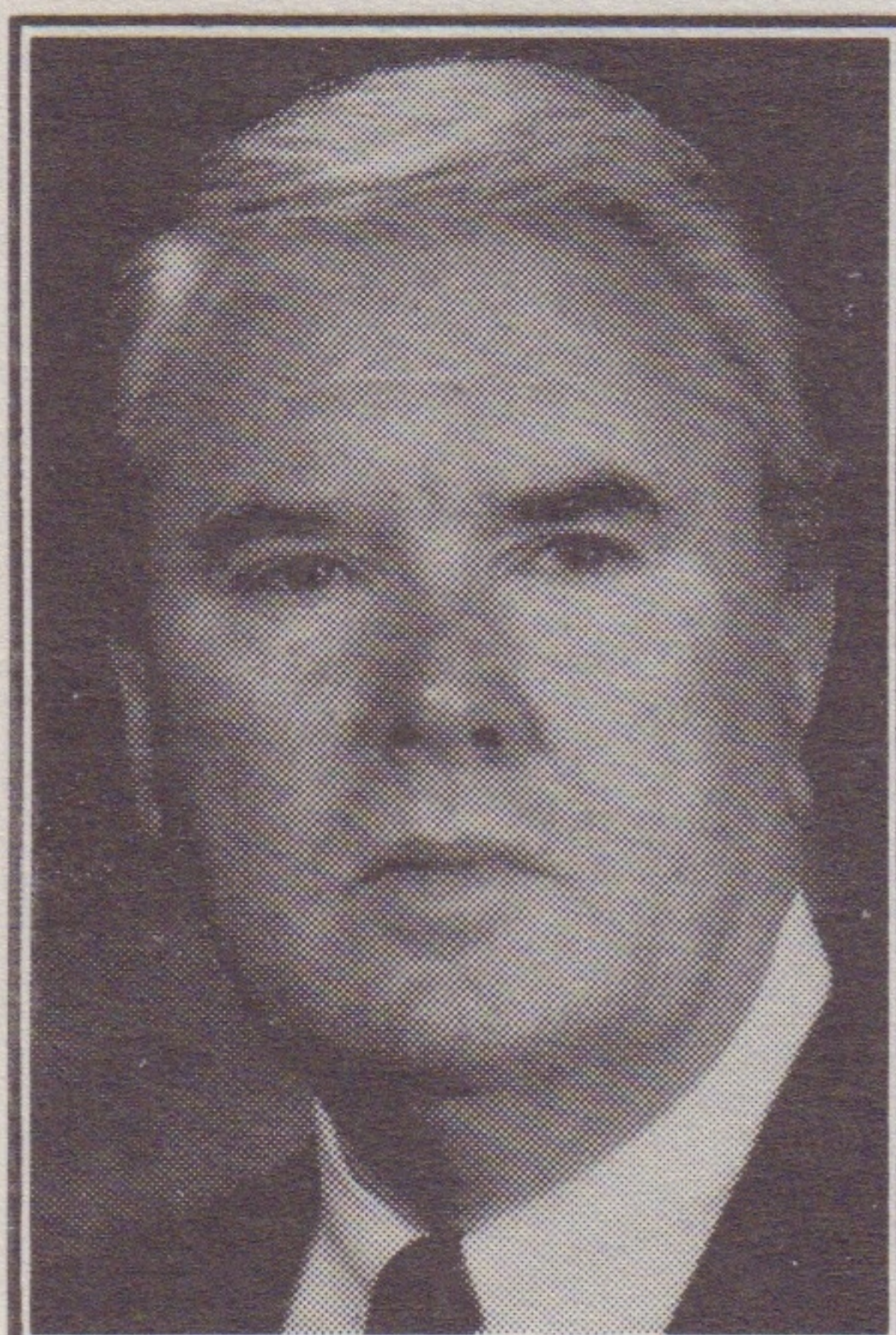
Dr. Imogene Mixson, academic dean of **Wallace College**, has been appointed to a four-year term on the Alabama Humanities Foundation board of directors. This is the first time Alabama's two-year colleges have been represented on this board.

Deanna Johnson, Director of the Court Reporting Program at **Gadsden State Community College**, received the 1993

award for distinguished service from the Alabama Court Reporters Association.

Dr. Alan Nichols, of **Enterprise State Junior College**, was recently selected as the 1993 Regional Outstanding Business Officer by the National Council of Community College Business Officials.

Ann Mantel, of **Jefferson Davis Community College**, was called to assist with victims of Hurricane Emily in North Carolina after being accepted as a member of the Disaster Human Resource System of the American Red Cross.



Bob Boothe, Imogene Mixson and Alan Nichols; Herman Packer with Chancellor Fred Gainous

U.S. Supreme Court Case Lawyer Addresses Students at Northeast

Northeast Alabama State Community College students heard first-hand what it is like to try a case before the United States Supreme Court.

Scottsboro attorney John Porter addressed the college's Arts and Humanities Lecture Forum March 9, describing a case he had recently argued in Washington. The case stemmed from the conviction of his client in a paternity suit. At the original trial in Scottsboro, jurors were selected on the basis of gender, with

women being favored and men being struck. Porter's client appealed the case, contending that it is unconstitutional to exclude a juror solely because of gender. If the Supreme Court rules in favor of the appeal, the decision will affect the way juries are selected throughout the United States.

The Arts and Humanities Lecture Forum was begun this year to bring guest speakers to the college and its students. Dr. David Campbell, Chair of the Arts and Humanities Division at the college, said

that the forum will present major issues for the students to consider, while at the same time illustrating the important work performed by professional people of the local region.

Besides being a good role model for aspiring professionals, John Porter is actively involved in college drama productions. While awaiting the Supreme Court decision on his case, Porter, his wife, and his children are all rehearsing their roles in Northeast's production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

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ACA Executive Committee Members:

Front—Dr. Ed Meadows, Administration Chair; Dr. Martha Allen, Administration Vice Chair; Mrs. Drinda Hughes, Association Secretary; Ms. Suanne McHargue, Support Vice Chair; Ms. Betty Bierbaum, Support Chair. Back—Mr. Stephen Walker, Faculty Vice Chair; Dr. Elsa Price, Faculty Chair; Mr. Curtis Thomasson, Students Chair; Dr. Linda Hooten, Students Vice Chair.

